

Special

QUALIFICATIONS FOR TEACHING PUPILS WHO HAVE VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS

(Ages 3-21)

1. Before teaching pupils, ages 3 to 21, inclusive, who have visual impairments, a person must hold an endorsement issued pursuant to this section.
2. To receive the endorsement, the person must:
 - A. Have completed a program of preparation for teaching pupils who have visual impairments, which has been approved by the board;
 - B. Hold a current license or certificate, issued by another state, with an endorsement to teach pupils who have visual impairments;
 - C. Hold a bachelor's or master's degree in the education of pupils who have visual impairments, and have 8 semester hours of student teaching, equivalent field experience or 1 year of verifiable teaching experience in special education; or
 - D. Have completed a bachelor's or master's degree; and
 1. Have completed 8 semester hours in student teaching of pupils who have visual impairments, equivalent field experience with such pupils, or 1 year of verifiable teaching experience with such pupils; and
 2. Have completed 18 semester hours of course work in any of the following areas:
 - a. Introduction to special education or the education of pupils who have disabilities;
 - b. Development of the curriculum and methods for assessing and teaching pupils who are blind or have visual impairments;
 - c. Beginning Braille;
 - d. Advanced Braille;

- e. Parental involvement in programs for pupils who have disabilities;
- f. Rehabilitative services, education or planning for the transition of pupils who have disabilities from their current placement to placement in additional educational programs, employment and living independently as an adult;
- g. Psychological and social aspects of blindness;
- h. Physiological aspects of blindness; and
- i. Orientation and mobility or low vision.

The requirement for course work in two of these areas may be satisfied by completing one course, of at least 3 semester hours, that encompasses both subject matters.

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